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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the subject application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice. Additionally, please amend the claims as follows:

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- 2. (Amended) The soluble CTLA4 mutant molecule of claim 1, wherein the extracellular domain of CTLA4 comprises one or more mutations in a region S25-R33 of CTLA4 of Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO.: 2, at positions 51-59), and wherein the mutation is a substitution of any amino acid beginning with serine at position +25 of Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO.: 2, at position 51) and ending with lysine at position +28 of Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO.: 2, at position 54) with a different amino acid selected from alanine, arginine, asparagine, aspartic acid, cysteine, glutamine,